



Supreme Court of Illinois

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JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN OTTAWA

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 20 new lawyers on Thursday, May 5 in the Third Judicial Circuit.

The group is among 518 individuals who will be sworn in and admitted to the practice of law in Illinois during bar admission ceremonies held in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The bar admission ceremony in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11 a.m. at the Third District Appellate Courthouse, 1004 Columbus St., in Ottawa. Media coverage is invited.

Justice Kilbride will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, their families, and friends. Third District Appellate Clerk Barbara Trumbo will call the proceedings to order.

Circuit Judge Russell W. Hartigan of the Cook County Circuit Court will speak on behalf of the Illinois State Bar Association. Judge Hartigan is the second vice president of the bar association. He has been a judge since 2010 and is currently assigned to the Fifth Municipal District and Law Division.

La Salle attorney Patrick A. Barry will make the motion to admit the class. East Peoria attorney Larry G. Paluska and Kankakee attorney Christopher W. Bohlen will second the motion. Mr. Barry and Mr. Paluska have children who will take the attorney's oath during the ceremony. Mr. Bohlen's son-in-law will as well.

Justice Kilbride will rule on the motion, administer the attorney's oath, and make remarks. A reception hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association will follow the ceremony.

Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will include Third District Appellate Justices Mary K. O'Brien, Tom M. Lytton, Mary W. McDade, Daniel L. Schmidt, Robert L. Carter, and Vicki R. Wright.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys sworn in at the May 5 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 96,500. In addition to Ottawa, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Collinsville, Springfield, Elgin, and Chicago.

The Third Judicial District is composed of the following counties: Bureau, Fulton, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Kankakee, Knox, LaSalle, Marshall, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside, and Will.

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